

EQIP Ranking Form

Tract #: _____

Delaware County

Name: _____

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Note: If the producer received ranking points for a specific practice such as no-till then they must implement that practice as part of their EQIP plan. The practice must be included in the EQIP plan and the farmer must receive cost-share for that practice. If the farmer is already implementing the practice, then they can NOT receive ranking for that practice.

1. Livestock Ranking:

a) Indicate the distance from any waterbody³:

Less than 500 feet	High	3
501 – 1000 feet	Medium	2
1001 feet or greater	Low	1

b) Indicate the amount of on farm manure storage you currently have:

0 – 90 days	High	3
90 – 180 days	Medium	2
More than 180 days	Low	1

c) Is the request for funds for a livestock operation which is:

Existing	High	3
Expansion ⁴	Medium	2
New	Low	1

d) Do any livestock have direct access to any waterbody³?

Yes	High	3
No	Low	1

e) Is the offered area within Harrison, Niles, or Washington Civil Townships?

Yes	High	3
No	Low	1

Total Points:	Ranking:
13 or greater	High
9-13	Medium
Less than 7	Low

2. Erosion

a) Indicate the distance from any waterbody³:

Less than 500 feet	High	3
501 – 1000 feet	Medium	2
1001 feet or greater	Low	1

b) Are gullies² present on the area?

Yes	High	3
No	Low	1

c) Indicate the type of tillage used over the last five (5) years:

Clean tillage (less than 20% residue after planting)	High	3
Minimum tillage (between 30-50% residue after planting)	Medium	2
No-till (greater than 50% residue after planting)	Low	1

d) Slope of the soils in the offered area:

Soils with "C" or greater	High	3
Soils with "B" or less	Medium	2
Soils with "A" or less	Low	1

e) Are there existing erosion control practices (grassed waterways, overfall structures, filterstrips, etc.) on the tract:

Have and/or want more	High	3
Don't have and need more	Medium	2
Don't have and don't want more	Low	1

f) Is scour erosion¹ present on the area:

Yes	High	3
No	Low	1

Total Points:	Ranking:
14 or greater	High
9-13	Medium
Less than 9	Low

3. Forestry

a) Existing woods will be joined or expanded with new tree planting (*existing woods may be off the offered tract*):

Yes	High	3
No	Low	1

b) Is the area being offered:

The whole tract	High	3
Whole field	Medium	2
Less than the entire field	Low	1

c) Location of the area being offered:

Soil associations that have more than 1/3 of the land area with slopes steeper than 10% AND soil associations that have 50% or more of the soils in the association in Group III (soils that are very productive for growing high quality hardwoods). [State Map]*	High	3
Other locations	Medium	2
Inside any corporate limits	Low	1

*Except for areas inside corporate limits then, the area received a medium ranking.

d) Soils associated with the area:

50% of the area containing soils with a “B” or greater slope	High	3	<input type="text"/>
49 and less % of the area containing soils with a “B” or greater slope	Medium	2	
The area contains soils with “A” or less slope	Low	1	

Total Points:	Ranking:
10 or greater	High
7-9	Medium
Less than 7	Low

4. Water Quality

a) Leachability of the soils in the offered area:

8 or greater	High	3	<input type="text"/>
5	Medium	2	
Less than 5	Low	1	

b) Slope of the soils in the offered area:

Soils with “C” or greater	High	3	<input type="text"/>
Soils with “B” or less	Medium	2	
Soils with “A” or less	Low	1	

c) Is the area located within the 3 sub-watersheds targeted with the IDEM 319 grant (Killbuck/Mud Creek, Buck Creek/Macedonia Creek, Prairie Creek/Cunningham):

Yes	High	3	<input type="text"/>
No	Low	1	

d) Indicate the distance from any waterbody³ that nutrients, manure and/or pesticides are spread on the land during any time of the year:

Less than 500 feet	High	3	<input type="text"/>
501 – 1500 feet	Medium	2	
1501 feet or greater	Low	1	

e) Indicate the type of tillage used **over the last five (5) years**:

Clean tillage (less than 20% residue after planting)	High	3	<input type="text"/>
Minimum tillage (between 30-50% residue after planting)	Medium	2	
No-till (greater than 50% residue after planting)	Low	1	

Total Points:	Ranking:
13 or greater	High
9-13	Medium
Less than 7	Low

1. Scour erosion - Cropland having evidence of erosion caused by out-of-bank water flows, (area floods a minimum of once every 10 years or have evidence of damage as a result of the scour erosion).
2. Definition of gully – reference p. 61 of the Blackford/Jay Counties Soil Survey.
3. A waterbody is any of the following: wetland of any type, spring or seep, ponds, lakes, well, streams having perennial, seasonal or full flow, or intermittent streams.
4. Expansion – Increased animal unit numbers greater than 15% of existing capacity.